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ARRIVAL OF UCHIDA, THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

Baron Uchida, the new Japanese ambassador, has arrived in Washington. He has been given a cordial welcome and in return, his tone is cordial. He says there is no pressing diplomatic question for him to deal with between his country and the United States just now, that the relations between the two countries are growing better every day, and that there is no Japanese problem on the Pacific coast.

While the same optimistic opinions expressed by Baron Uchida will find plenty of unbelievers, it can be said he is going about his business in a way that promises to make for good relations between the two countries. If Japan is tactful enough to meet the United States half way in the matter, there will be no Japanese problem on the Pacific coast grave enough to strain the relations of the two countries. Otherwise, there is an element of danger in the situation. It may come to the surface when the renewal of the existing treaty is considered or it may not. It is a question that calls for frank and patient consideration and co-operation rather than antagonism. Presumably, Baron Uchida is impressed with this view of it.

The new ambassador is no stranger to the United States. He entered the diplomatic service in this country in 1888. He was then an attaché. He has had wide diplomatic service and a good knowledge of the country and the Government. His service here ought to be to the mutual advantage of the two countries.

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF PROSPERITY.

The United States Steel Corporation has notified its employees in the Pittsburgh district that they will not be given the customary ten days' vacation at holiday time, but only two days instead. The reason is that the steel mills are crowded with orders as never before at this season of the year. The big independent steel firms are making a like rule this year, and for similar reasons. It is a reasonable assumption that the employees will not be deeply aggrieved over the loss of their vacation. The announcement is the most notable Christmas gift that the new prosperity has brought to the country.

As a barometer of business conditions, nothing equals the steel trade. Activity at this season is necessarily largely in anticipation of construction work that is to be done the coming season. It means that the railroads are buying rails and cars which will be delivered and used next spring; that real estate owners are making contracts for buildings, and that contractors are in the field early for their structural metal. It means, in short, that the coming season is going to be one of vast development and probably unprecedented activity. The slackening of pace the past two years has put development behind demand, and now, with the best of conditions prevailing, with confidence at full tide, the business interests of the country must set themselves about to take up the slack. The loss of the steel workers' vacation is a sign of good things ahead for the entire community of workers. It foreshadows increased activity in all lines, and it means that there will be less and less disposition to unreasonable and unreasoning fault-finding with conditions. It suggests that something more than discontent will be voiced in the ballots of the country at the election next autumn; and if that balloting shall direct any change of political front, it will have to be taken as the deliberate order of a clear-headed, thinking community.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN WASHINGTON.

The Washington Times wishes to take this opportunity to thank the many citizens of Washington who, in preparing for a Christmas celebration in their own homes, have endeavored to contribute to the happiness of others.

As this paper goes to its readers a dozen automobiles loaded with toys of every description, warm clothing, candy, etc., are hurrying to every section of the city. Thanks to a generous public, which has responded to the appeal of this paper, Santa Claus will visit many a home which otherwise would mourn his absence.

Hundreds of little children will

awake tomorrow morning to find that their letters to the St. Nicholas Girl have been answered. We cannot be present at the awakening or hear the expressions of delight, but we can take an immense amount of satisfaction in the knowledge that we have contributed to the happiness of some household.

It was less than a month ago that The Times announced that it would act as Santa Claus to the children of Washington whose parents were too poor to buy toys, fill stockings, and enter into the spirit of Christmas. The response from the public has been marvelously generous. Little tots who themselves expect a visit from Old Nick have surrendered their presents of a year ago in order that their little neighbors might share their joys on Christmas Day.

Men and women have spent days and nights dividing the city into districts, selecting from the great mass of presents with a view to meeting the requests contained in the letters to Santa Claus. Citizens have surrendered their automobiles at a time when they were needed most. Merchants have contributed generously.

The Christmas spirit has been in evidence in a manner which reflects credit on the citizens of Washington. It has been a great pleasure to act in behalf of those who were anxious to share their happiness with their less fortunate neighbors.

In behalf of the children who will be visited by the aides of the St. Nicholas Girl we thank those who have made their holiday season a bright one.

WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED.

With the launching of the battleship Utah at Camden, N. J., the most formidable man-of-war in the world has entered the waters. Even those powerful warships, the Delaware and North Dakota, are eclipsed. The Utah is the fifth of the battleships of this country of the all-big-gun type to be launched. One scans the navies of other nations in vain to find anything which could cope with the Utah in a sea fight. She has a displacement of 21,825 tons, 2,000 tons greater than the Delaware and North Dakota.

Equipped with ten twelve-inch guns, sixteen five-inch guns, two submerged torpedo tubes, and many small guns, and having ten turbines, with men enough for a regiment aboard, and capable of high speed, this naval monster has a capacity for destruction that is nothing short of appalling. The greatest of the British battleships now building are those of the Colossus and Hercules type. Each of these is of 21,000 tons displacement, and a speed not quite equal to that of the Utah. Germany has five battleships building, of 22,000 tons each, and slightly more powerful than the Utah. So far as known, none of these, however, is as fast as the Utah. Japan has no vessel building which is as powerful as the Utah. Russia has four 23,000-ton battleships building, but none of them is yet launched.

Gigantic and terrible as is the Utah, it will not be long until it will be outstripped by the Arkansas and Wyoming, each of 26,000 tons, and each carrying twelve twelve-inch guns. Without much doubt these vessels when launched will take the world's record. And then will probably come the 30,000-ton battleships which the Navy Department has in mind and which Secretary Meyer favors.

Still it has to be remembered that even so great an engine of war as the Utah is not infallible. A mine, a torpedo boat, or a submarine, poking its way about under the surface, may blow it into fragments in the twinkling of an eye.

PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT CLERKS' RETIREMENT.

It is a most gratifying fact that President Taft has determined to take up the matter of systematic retirement of Government clerks in such fashion as to maintain the civil service at high efficiency, and at the same time to assure that the veterans of the departments shall be well provided for in old age. The President has not hurried into any project of half-baked sentimentalism or philanthropy. He has had a thorough inquiry made into actual conditions in the Treasury Department, with the result that he has been convinced that the good of the Government and justice to the old employees alike demand that a scientific scheme of retirement be inaugurated.

The statement is made that the plan which will be favored will look to having the pension or annuity fund provided from the Government Treasury. This is the one plan which can be expected to succeed in the long run of experience. Numerous projects have been devised or proposed, to require the entire body of these employees to contribute from their salaries, the whole or a part of the retirement fund. This is in many ways objectionable. It is unjust to the employee who remains in the service many years and then retires voluntarily, forfeiting his right to the benefits of the retirement system. More than that, it is an inducement to people, once in the service, to remain in it, whatever to do so would be to their advantage, or the advantage of the Government, or not. The one practical way to carry out the obligation of the Government toward its aged employees is by frank assumption of the expense, as a charge upon the National Treasury.

The International Pie Bakers' Association has sent to President Taft a pie

thirty-nine inches in diameter and weighing ninety-two pounds, as a Christmas present. Special precautions have been taken to assure that it will get to him. There is a suspicion that the monster pie sent for the White House Thanksgiving dinner, which never arrived, fell into the hands of a bunch of office-seekers, who saw a chance to get theirs.

Let us hope that there is no basis for these alarming stories that Mr. Harrison was only a comparatively poor man, with a mere bagatelle of about \$50,000,000.

Ladies with shark-skin pearls and paste diamonds will have the satisfaction at least of knowing that they are at last on the plane of the most exclusive society.

It is noted with some interest that the enthusiastic admirers of Dr. Cook who wrote about his "clear, honest eye, open countenance and frank, convincing manner," are disappearing almost as completely as the doctor himself.

The suffragettes are going to start a militant daily newspaper, the Wireless. Wonder if that's the kind of politics they expect to run when they get into control?

Doctor Cook's brother believes the doctor has met with foul play. He certainly has shown some indication of intimacy with it.

Is a conspiracy to violate the anti-trust law a continuing offense? It would certainly seem to be continuing as long as dividends are coming in as a result of the conspiracy.

In case of doubts, hang up your stockings, and if it gets filled you'll know there is one, won't you?

The Christmas drawing of the Cuban national lottery has proved a failure, and there will be a deficit as a result. Cubans seem to be making some progress in the direction of fitness for self-government, after all.

It's hard to believe Cook couldn't have got to the North Pole, when one observes the number of places that he hasn't gone to. By the process of elimination, the pole story may yet be established.

Army and Navy Service Orders

ARMY.

Major HENRY L. RIPLEY, Eighth Cavalry, from Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., to his station.

Second Lieutenant THOMAS H. LOWE, Twenty-eighth Infantry, from treatment at the Walter Reed General Hospital, D. C., to his station.

The following changes of dental surgeons, United States Army, are ordered:

Dental Surgeon EDWARD P. R. RYAN, and FRANK L. K. LAFLAMME from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, and Fort Sheridan, Illinois, respectively, to Philippines division.

Dental Surgeon JOHN R. AMES from Fort Snelling, Minnesota, to Philippines division.

Dental Surgeon GEORGE L. MASON, ROBERT M. HOLLINGSWORTH, and FRANKLIN F. WING from Philippines division to San Francisco, Cal.

Dental Surgeon CHARLES J. LONG from Philippines division to San Francisco, Cal.

NAVY.

Captain A. SHARP, detached command and control, to home and wait orders.

Captain R. M. DOYLE, detached command Missouri, to home and wait orders.

Captain J. H. GLENNON, detached command Virginia, to home and wait orders.

Commander W. R. RUSH, detached command Missouri, to home and wait orders.

Lieutenant Commander E. H. CAMPBELL, to North Dakota, as navigator.

Lieutenant F. W. OSBURN, JR., detached command Independence, navy yard, Mare Island, Cal.; Third Squadron, Pacific fleet.

Lieutenant W. G. MITCHELL, detached command Macdonough, to navy yard, Charleston, S. C., as engineer officer.

Lieutenant G. W. S. CASTLE, to New Jersey, as senior engineer officer.

Lieutenant C. P. BURT, detached New Jersey, to home and wait orders.

Ensign C. B. MAYO, detached Yankton, to Vermont.

Ensign J. S. BARLEON, detached Yankton, to Louisiana.

Ensign C. C. GILL, detached New York, to Idaho.

Ensign C. H. J. KEPPLE, detached Yankton, to Mississippi.

Ensign L. B. BERNHIM, detached New York, to Nebraska.

Society of the Capital Dances Until Late Hour In Honor of Miss Margaret Preston Draper's Debut

Draper K Street Home Is Scene of Gay Ball and Cotillon.

Many Favors of Unusual Attractiveness Are Presented to Dancers

Washington society danced into the wee sma' hours last night at the ball and cotillon given by Gen. and Mrs. William F. Draper at their handsome residence on K street, in honor of their debut daughter, Miss Margaret Preston Draper.

The house was gayly festooned with garlands of smilax hung with scarlet Christmas bells, and the Marine Band orchestra, stationed at the north of the ballroom, furnished the music for the dancers.

Mrs. Draper and her daughter received the guests at the door of the ballroom. Mrs. Draper was handsomely gowned in a draped gown of pastel green pompadour satin, brocaded in raised velvet roses in pastel shades, with insets of silver gauze on the skirt, and the bodice embroidered in rhinestones.

Miss Draper wore white satin with an overdress of white tulle, embroidered in pearls in a Marguerite design, with a panel of the embroidery down the front and around the top of the bodice and sleeves, with a cluster of marguerites on her shoulder and a wreath of the same flowers in her hair. Her only jewelry was a single strand of pearls, her father's gift on the occasion of her debut.

General dancing prevailed until midnight, when supper was served in the dining room, followed by the cotillon. Miss Draper and Capt. J. C. Gilmore led the cotillon. Some of the favors, which were unusually attractive, were paper hats of all shades, styles, and descriptions; for the women, parasols covered with tinsel and pink rosebuds, bows and arrows, tinsel scarfs caught up with tiny pink rosebuds, dainty gold bonbon boxes, silk flowers, huge pink silk banners on a silver standard with the inscription "Marguerite," long pink wands tied with clusters of pink flowers, silk opera bags, fans, holly boughs, Napoleon caps for the men, silver slippers, silver pincushions, cigar holders and silver cutters of silver, paper mandolins, and the like.

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Notable Among The Many Guests.

Among the guests were: The Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayer des Planches, The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmiller, The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, The Russian Ambassador and Baroness Essen, The Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. Nabuco, The Argentine Minister and Mme. Portillo, The Swedish Minister and Mme. Lagercrantz, The Netherlands Minister and Mme. London, The Swiss Minister and Mme. Ritter, The Norwegian Minister and Mme. Guide, The Spanish Minister, The former Ambassador to France, Henry White, The Postmaster General, The Military Attache of the German Embassy and Mme. von Livonius, The Counselor of the German Embassy and Countess Wedel, Prince Kourakoff, Senator and Mrs. Aldrich, Senator and Mrs. Perkins, Senator and Mrs. Dickinson, Senator and Mrs. Newlands, Representative and Mrs. Weeks, Former Governor and Mrs. W. R. Merriam, Judge and Mrs. C. B. Howey, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Scaton Schroeder, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Rixey, Rear Admiral and Mrs. W. H. Emory, Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Southernland, Lieut. and Mrs. S. Grant, 2d, Commander and Mrs. L. B. Reamey, U. S. N., Lieut. and Mrs. Sherman Miles, Col. and Mrs. W. G. Macomb, Col. and Mrs. Lay, Capt. and Mrs. Walter McLean, U. S. N., The Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Winner, Dr. and Mrs. Fremont Smith, Miss Boardman, Mrs. Richard, Mrs. C. C. Glover, Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. James Marion Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Legare, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Volcott Tuckerman, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hichborn, Mrs. Hunt Slater, Mrs. William Hayden Noble, Mrs. William Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. E. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. John Hay's Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Willbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Mandeville Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Keop, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, The Misses Keon, General and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. John Avery McIlhenny, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woldman, Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff, Mrs. Nicol Ludlow, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bugher, Mrs. Robert Hinchey, Mrs. John E. Reayburn, Miss, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Hale, Miss Helen Taft, Countess Luise Alexandra von Bernstorff, Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, Miss Nabuco, The Misses Guide, Miss Mathilde Townsend, Miss Katherine Elkins, Miss Katherine Jennings, Miss Parrish, The Misses Southernland, Miss Constance Hoyt, Miss Dora Clover, Miss Dorothy Gardner Williams, Miss Gladys Hinkley, Miss Katherine Brown, Miss Mary McCauley, Miss Laura Merriam, Miss Sophy Johnston, Miss Marion Owen, Miss Christine Owen, Miss Alice Boutell, Miss Jean Crosby, Miss Miriam Crosby, Miss Katherine Weeks, The Misses Chew, Miss Mary Chew, Miss Elizabeth Howry.



MISS MARGARET P. DRAPER, Makes Formal Debut.

Miss Martha Bowers, Miss Alice Bloch, Miss Helen Parker, Miss Hildegard Nagel, Miss Carrie Munn, Miss Elsie Downing, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Pinley, Miss Marion Leutze, The Misses Schroeder, Miss Jessie Krogstad, The Misses May, Miss Louise Foraker, Miss Lay, Miss Mabel Johnson, Miss May, Miss Yvonne Townsend, The Misses Sands, Miss Hays Hammond, Miss Hoxley, Miss Margaretta Symons, Miss Catherine Britton, Miss Marshall, Miss Esther Denny, Miss von Stumm, Miss Peroline Perkins, The Misses Goldsborough, Miss Putnam, Miss Rebecca Wilmer, John Barrett, Captain Reitzmann, of the German embassy, Viscount de Vogue, Captain Soverby, Baron Hardenbreck, Lieutenant Porro, Count Ugglas, Robert Taft, Robert Centaro, Lieutenant Camperio, Mr. Sivbak, Mr. de Chail, Mr. Tailland, Count Brussels, Mitchell Innes, Basil Miles, Mr. von Prittwitz, Lieutenant von Breunig, Baron de Rode, Mr. Pousette, Marquis Subell, Count Zareck, Lieutenant Gai, Viscount a'Alte, Commander Jewell, Senator Brandegee, Lieutenant Shackford, Major Horton, Captain Pratt, Captain Van Voorhis, Captain Bailey, Lieutenant Foster, Lieutenant Long, Baron Ambroz, Baron Hye, Capt. Archibald Butt, Lieutenant Wainwright, Captain Cheney, Senator Brandegee, Rear Admiral Capps, Lieutenant Coustien, Lieutenant Butler, Dr. de Lency, Capt. Graham L. Johnston, Cede Horstmann, William R. Hill, Mr. de Beaufort, Mr. Wyeth, Basil Miles, Farrar Smith, Mr. Pingham, James A. Hookins, Mr. Crawford, Arthur Hellen, David Moore, Mr. Phillips.

Mrs. Glover Entertains In Honor of Helen Taft

Miss Helen Taft and Miss Sophy Johnston were the chief guests for whom Mrs. and Mr. C. C. Glover entertained a company of young people at dinner last night, preceding the cotillon which General and Mrs. Draper gave in honor of their daughter, Miss Margaret Draper.

Mrs. L. L. Retzney, wife of Commander Retzney, U. S. N., will entertain at a small informal tea this afternoon at 5 o'clock at her residence on N street. Her guests will be a number of the debutantes of the season, and young men who are home from college for the Christmas holidays.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beckman Winthrop have gone to New York to spend Christmas with Mrs. Winthrop's mother, Mrs. Charles Wood. They will return to Washington Sunday night.

Mrs. Tyler, widow of the late Col. Augustus C. Tyler, has leased the house at 125 M street, and will spend the remainder of the winter in Washington. Mrs. Tyler's own residence on Farragut Square is leased to the Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen.

Miss Mason and Mr. Patchin Are Honor Guests at Dinner Party.

Miss Alice Shepard Entertains Prospective Bride and Bridegroom.

Miss Alice Shepard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitch Shepard, entertained at dinner last evening in honor of Miss Polly Mason and Philip H. Patchin, whose marriage will take place next Wednesday afternoon.

The guests were Miss Josephine Mason, who is to be her sister's only attendant; Ira H. Patchin, of New York, who is to be his brother's best man; Lieut. Victor M. Foster, U. S. A.; Frank Blake Gordon, of Pittsburgh; Harris Crist, Philip L. Scantling, Richard Nelson Mason, brother of the bride, and Dr. William Beverly Mason, who are to be the ushers; Mrs. William Beverly Mason and a few of Miss Mason's intimate friends.

Mrs. Young Attends Annapolis Hop.

Miss Robyn Young left Washington today for Annapolis to attend the hop this evening.

Miss Parker Returns to Capital.

Miss Eleanor Wayne Parker, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Parker, returned to Washington today from a series of visits in Boston and Philadelphia.

Representative and Mrs. Parker will entertain a house party during the holidays. They are spending the holidays on Monday, will be Miss Mary Parkman, daughter of Henry Parkman, of Boston; Miss Ruth Draper, of New York; Parkman How, and Henry Shepley, of Boston.

Leave Capital For New York City.

Esmond Over, of the British embassy, and Mrs. Over left Washington today for New York to spend Christmas and to meet Miss Constance Over, who will be their guest during the winter season. They will all return to Washington Tuesday.

Carl Butler and Henry Butler, of Princeton, have arrived in Washington, and are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Butler.

George Edward Wilson, of Cornell University, is spending the holidays in Washington with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, on Georgia avenue.

Roger Wright Visiting His Brother.

Judge and Mrs. Daniel Thew Wright have as their guest for the holidays Roger Wright, of Cincinnati, brother of Judge Wright.

Senator and Mrs. Julius C. Burrows have gone to New York to spend the holidays.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Mary L. Harrison and Weldon W. Price. The wedding took place last evening in the parsonage of the Fifth Baptist Church, the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Briggs, officiating in the presence of a small party of relatives and friends.

Miss Helen and Robert To Attend Dinner Dance

Miss Helen Taft and Robert Taft will be among the guests at the young people's dinner which the Solicitor General and Mrs. Lloyd G. Bowers are giving this evening. The guests will later attend the dance which Rear Admiral and Mrs. Richardson Glover are giving in honor of their younger daughter, Miss Beatrice Glover, and at which Charlie Taft will make his first appearance at a social function.

Tuesday evening, Miss Laura Merriam, the debutante daughter of former Gov. and Mrs. W. R. Merriam, will entertain at dinner in honor of Miss Taft.

Mrs. Fremont-Smith, wife of Dr. Fremont-Smith, will observe as her day at home Fridays in January.

Mrs. Grace S. Brown will be married to Henry C. Rye, of Falls Church, Va., at noon tomorrow in her home, in the Worcester apartment. The ceremony, which will be attended by a few friends and relatives, will be performed by the Rev. W. S. O. Thomas.

Society Attends Mrs. Barney's Performance.

A large and fashionable audience greeted Mrs. Barney's entertainment at the Belasco Theater yesterday afternoon, which scenes from three plays, "About Thebes," "The Bridal Veil," and "The Man in the Moon," were given for the benefit of the House of Mercy.

Mrs. Taft occupied the Presidential box, and was accompanied by Miss Helen Taft, and Miss Dorothy Williams, Miss Minnick, and Robert Taft. In the adjoining box Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Butler entertained a box party. Their guests were Miss Eudora Glover, Miss Martha Bowers, Charles Walcott, Carl Butler, and Henry Butler. Mrs. Green and the Misses Green had in their box Mrs. Huntington Wilson, Miss Mary Nagel, and Miss Helen Walcott.

Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins entertained a number of very young people in her box, among them being Miss Margaret Perin, and Miss Catherine Harlow.

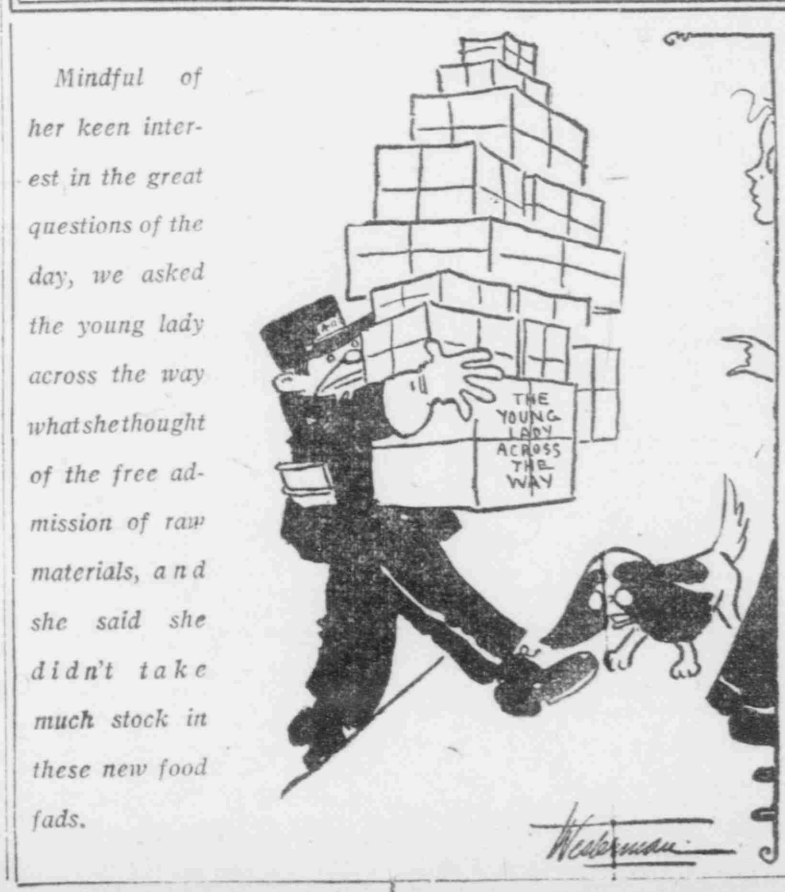
Prominent Persons Occupy the Boxes.

Among others occupying box seats were: Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Miss Hammond, Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. DeVries, Mrs. I. T. Mann, Mrs. Norman Williams.

Some of those in the audience were: Lieutenant and Mrs. Sherman Miles, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. John Biddle, Miss Maud Conrad, Miss Harriet Southernland, Miss Fremont, Miss Katherine Crane, Miss Estelle Crane, Miss Walcott Tuckerman, Miss Siebert, Mrs. Fleming, Mme. Core, Miss Mary Sheridan, Miss Mary McCauley, Mrs. William, Corcoran Hill, Jack Siebert.

Mrs. Harris, wife of Rear Admiral Harris, has issued cards for a tea on Tuesday, December 28.

The Young Lady Across the Way



Mindful of her keen interest in the great questions of the day, we asked the young lady across the way what she thought of the free admission of raw materials, and she said she didn't take much stock in these new food fads.

What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

Theaters.

National—"The Love Cure," 8:15 p. m.
Columbia—"The Merry Widow and the Devil," 8:15 p. m.
Chase—"Vaudeville," 8:15 p. m.
Academy—"Buster Brown," 8:15 p. m.
Lyceum—"Morning, Noon, and Night," 8:15 p. m.
Gayety—"Star and Garter Show," 8:15 p. m.
(The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Write or phone announcements.)

ABSOLVED FROM BLAME.

The commanders of the battleships Nebraska and Georgia have been exonerated from any blame for the collision which occurred between these two vessels on December 9, while the Atlantic fleet was engaged in tactical practice in Hampton Roads.